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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 15 September in which you have requested the following information:

"I am seeking on any material on Defence Notices ("D-notices") issued to the press or publishers between 1953 and 1959."

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information you requested has been carried out and I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence does not hold information within the scope of your request.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) the following may be helpful to you. The Defence and Security Media Advisory Committee (DSMA) is an independent body which has the responsibility for issuing D Notices. Information on the DSMA and the history of D notices can be found via the following link: <http://www.dsma.uk/>. You may also like to try contacting The National Archives (TNA) as they hold some DSMA records. TNA can be contacted via the following link. <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/contact-us/>

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

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